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- APRIL 11 THRU 13

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1. SUMMARY: GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GP) PLURILATERALS
WEEK OF APRIL 10 RESULTED IN REFINEMENT OF SECTIONS OF
GP DRAFT CODE IN AREAS OF SINGLE TENDERING AND INFORMA-
TION. SINGLE TENDERING DRAFT WAS REVISED ALONG FORMAT
SUGGESTED BY U.S. DEL IN REFTEL. SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS
WAS ALSO MADE IN INFORMATION SECTION WITH DELETION OF
SEVERAL BRACKETS AND COMBINATION OF LANGUAGE INTO MORE
CONCISE FORMAT. (NEW DRAFTS HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON
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BY PRUIETT/COMMERCE.) PLURILATERAL GROUP AGREED TO
MEET AGAIN WEEK OF APRIL 24 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON
INFORMATION AND FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON TENDERING
PROCEDURES. END SUMMARY.

2. MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (US, EC, NORDICS, CANADA,
SWISS AND JAPAN) MET FOR THREE DAYS TO DISCUSS INFORMATION

AND SINGLE TENDERING SECTIONS OF DRAFT GP CODE (MTN/NTM/W/133). FIRST SESSIONS WERE DEVOTED TO SINGLE TENDERING PROCEDURES AND WORK PROGRESSED ALONG FORMAT SUGGESTED BY U.S. DEL (REFTEL). ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS, DRAFTING GROUP AGREED ON SUBSTANTIAL REVISIONS IN THE SINGLE TENDERING SECTION (PARA 15, PART IV). BRACKETS WHICH REMAIN ARE OF EITHER EC OR JAPANESE ORIGIN. EC DEL (STRUXIANO) WAS CONFIDENT THAT THEIR BRACKETS COULD BE REMOVED AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER STATES. ON PARAGRAPH CONCERNING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, EC DEL SUGGESTED THAT SUCH AN EXCEPTION BE LIMITED TO PROTOTYPES. JAPANESE DEL (ABE) WANTED MORE EXPANSIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXCEPTIONS BUT AGREED TO SUBMIT LANGUAGE SEPARATELY. ACCORDINGLY DRAFT AGREED UPON BY PLURILATERAL GROUP IS RELATIVELY COMPLETE.

3. PROGRESS ALSO WAS MADE ON INFORMATION SECTION. REMAINING BRACKETS IN THIS TEXT HIGHLIGHT PRIMARY POLICY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY, THE ISSUE OF WHETHER NAME OF WINNING BIDDER AND AMOUNT OF THE WINNING BID SHOULD BE GIVEN TO A LOSING SUPPLIER. THE OTHER FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION CONCERNS WHETHER AGENCIES SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO GIVE CERTAIN INFORMATION OR ONLY "AS THEY DEEM FEASIBLE TO DISCLOSE". TEXT OTHERWISE IS RELATIVE UNBRACKETED EXCEPT FOR TWO ALTERNATIVES AS TO TYPES OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE SUPPLIED ANNUALLY.

4. PLURILATERAL GROUP AGREED TO MEET WEEK OF APRIL 24TH TO CONSIDER AGAIN INFORMATION AND SINGLE TENDERING, AFTER EC HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH ITS MEMBER STATES. THE NEXT MEETING ALSO WILL INCLUDE A DETAILED REVIEW OF TENDERING PROCEDURES IN AN ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE BRACKETS IN THAT SECTION. JAPANESE DEL TABLED A PROPOSED REVISION OF THE TENDERING PROCEDURES SECTION WHICH WILL ALSO BE EXAMINED. IF THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE SUCCESSFUL, INFORMAL GROUP WILL MEET WEEK OF MAY 15 FOR INITIAL TRIAL-RUN IN DEVELOPING THE COVERAGE STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. ALL COUNTRIES BUT CANADA AGREED TO TABLE BOTH OFFERS OF ENTITIES TO BE COVERED IN A PROCUREMENT CODE AS WELL AS REQUESTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. CANADIAN DEL INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO INCLUDE ONLY REQUESTS AT THIS TIME DUE TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CANADA. GROUP AGREED TO PROCEED WITH OFFER/REQUEST PROCEDURE AMONG THE FIVE COUNTRIES THAT ARE READY TO PARTICIPATE, WHILE ONLY GIVING REQUESTS TO CANADA.

5. RECOMMENDATION: TO MAKE TRIAL RUN ON COVERAGE

A MEANINGFUL EXERCISE, USG WILL NEED SOME QUANTIFICATION,
HOWEVER PRELIMINARY, OF U.S. PURCHASES. EC WILL BE
PROVIDING SUCH QUANTIFICATION, AS HOPEFULLY WILL OTHERS.

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